Amendments To The Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A cordless telephone, comprising:

a base unit, including a paging mechanism; and

a handset, including an alerting mechanism responsive to the paging mechanism,

wherein the paging mechanism and alerting mechanism are for use in locating a missing handset,

wherein at least one of the base unit and the handset includes a page adjusting mechanism to affect a characteristic of a page alerting signal output from the alerting mechanism based on a condition.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) ~~A cordless telephone as recited in claim 1,~~ A cordless telephone, comprising:

a base unit, including a paging mechanism; and

a handset, including an alerting mechanism responsive to the paging mechanism,

wherein at least one of the base unit and the handset includes a page adjusting mechanism to affect a characteristic of a page alerting signal output from the alerting mechanism based on a condition,

wherein the adjusting mechanism affects the alerting signal to have a duration based on an estimate of the distance between the base unit and the handset.

6. (Currently amended) ~~A cordless telephone as recited in claim 1,~~ A cordless telephone, comprising:

a base unit, including a paging mechanism; and

a handset, including an alerting mechanism responsive to the paging mechanism,

wherein at least one of the base unit and the handset includes a page adjusting mechanism to affect a characteristic of a page alerting signal output from the alerting mechanism based on a condition,

wherein the adjusting mechanism affects the alerting signal to have a volume based on an estimate of the distance between the base unit and the handset.

7. (Currently amended) ~~A cordless telephone as recited in claim 1,~~ A cordless telephone, comprising:

a base unit, including a paging mechanism; and

a handset, including an alerting mechanism responsive to the paging mechanism,

wherein at least one of the base unit and the handset includes a page adjusting mechanism to affect a characteristic of a page alerting signal output from the alerting mechanism based on a condition,

wherein the adjusting mechanism affects the alerting signal to have a particular tonal quality based on an estimate of the distance between the base unit and the handset.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

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21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously amended) A method of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone handset, comprising the steps of:

sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and

affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition, wherein the sensed condition is a signal delay measurement.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously amended) A method of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone handset, comprising the steps of:

sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and

affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition, wherein the location is sensed relative to a corresponding base unit.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently amended) A method of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone handset, comprising the steps of:

sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and

affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition, wherein the characteristic is one of duration, ~~volume~~ and tonal quality.

34. (Previously amended) A method of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone handset, comprising the steps of:

sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and

affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition, wherein the condition is a received signal strength indication.

35. (Previously amended) A method as recited in claim 34, wherein the condition is a received signal strength indication related to a signal from a wireless transceiver.

36. (Previously added) A method as recited in claim 35, wherein the wireless transceiver is part of a base unit associated with the handset.

37. (Previously added) A method as recited in claim 36, wherein the base unit is a cordless telephone base unit.

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Previously amended) A method as recited in claim 23, wherein the condition is a signal delay measurement related to a signal from a wireless transceiver.

40. (Previously added) A method as recited in claim 39, wherein the wireless transceiver is part of a base unit associated with the handset.

41. (Previously added) A method as recited in claim 40, wherein the base unit is a cordless telephone base unit.

42. (Previously amended) A method of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone handset, comprising the steps of:

sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and

affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition, wherein the condition is an error related measurement.

43. (Previously amended) A method as recited in claim 42, wherein the condition is an error related measurement related to a signal from a wireless transceiver.

44. (Previously amended) A method as recited in claim 43, wherein the wireless transceiver is part of a base unit associated with the handset.

45 (Previously added) A method as recited in claim 44, wherein the base unit is a cordless telephone base unit.